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1. In late May 1949 about 2,000 Mongol cavalry troops reached Suiyuan Province after having fought all the way from Manchuria. They were the only Nationalist troops to escape from that area as an organized force. In Suiyuan they were joined by 1,500 Mongol cavalry troops who were originally in Suiyuan and Chahar Provinces. These troops are now all at Shanpa (107-08, 40-59), where they are contained by the provincial Chinese troops under the command of Governor TUNG Chi-wu (董其武), who is currently negotiating with a delegation of PU Tso-yi's officers from Peiping for the surrender of his troops and the areas under his control to the Chinese Communists.
2. TUNG is trying to include these Mongol cavalry units in his surrender arrangements, but they refuse and wish to go to Alashan. TUNG has told MA Hung-kuei that they are Suiyuan troops who are trying to desert to the Chinese Communists, and has asked him to bar their entrance to Ninghsia Province.
3. Prince TE is sending LI Shou-hsin (李守信) and WU Ku-ting (烏古庭) to the Northwest to deal with the situation, and believes that permission for these Mongol troops to enter Ninghsia can be obtained. Should that be the case, these units will be joined by about 2,000 Mongol cavalry troops under the command of Hotoringga\* of Shilingol League. This would give Prince TE an army of about 6,000 men.
4. HU Tsung-nan has promised to give Prince TE\*\* small arms for his army, but additional arms as well as other supplies, including food, are badly needed. Prince TE could buy some of his requirements if funds were available.

\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] where he was reported as Hotlingga, Hotoringga was stated to be in command of 300 troops.

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\*\*   Comment. Prince TE is in telegraphic communication with the units at Shanpa.

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